



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Van Aert et al.) Docket: 27500-13
Serial No.: 09/996,554)
Filing Date: 11/28/2001) Examiner: Funk
Title: PRINTING SYSTEM WITH A NEGATIVE WORKING)
THERMAL PLATE FOR ON-PRESS DEVELOPMENT) Group Art Unit: 2854
Confirmation No.: 2836

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED APPLICATION (RCE)

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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above identified application. Enclosed are:

1. Supplemental response filed under 37 CFR 1.114;
2. Fees - The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$770 for the RCE as required under 37 C.F.R 1.17(e) to Deposit Account Number 08-0719; and
3. Postcard.

May 5, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Dear Sir:

The remarks and amendments are submitted as part of a
Request for Continuing Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
the claims commencing on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments commence on page 9 of this paper.

The application is now in condition for allowance and
consideration in light of the following is respectfully
requested.